

## **REMARKS**

Claims 12-14, 17-31, and 54-65 are pending in the present application. No claims have been added. Claims 26 and 54-65 has been canceled. Therefore upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 12-14, 17-25, and 27-31 will be pending.

Applicant has Amended cross reference to related application section to provide details regarding the applications cited to place application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected claims 12, 14, 17-19, 27, 28, 30, and 54-65 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacquet et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,517,501) in view of Olofsson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,627).

The Examiner has rejected claims 13, 21, 22 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacquet et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,517,501) in view of Olofsson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,627) and in further view of Gummalia et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,614,799).

The Examiner has objected to claims 20, 23-26 and 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 20 to be in independent form to have the limitations of 12, 18 and 20.

Applicants have amended claim 12 to have the limitations of allowable claim 26 and has canceled claim 26. Applicants submit that claim 12 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 13, 14, 17-19, 21-25, 27-31 depend, directly or indirectly, upon claim 12 and are thus also in condition for allowance.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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